



FRIENDS FOR THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS

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Abbott Marshlands - September-December 2015 Events

- Canoe trips (most months)
- Field trips (most months)
- World Rivers Day – September 27th
- Tulpehaking Nature Center – *New programs:*
 - First Fridays --Story Time (10:30 am)
 - Saturday Morning Strolls. 8:30 – 10 am. Meet at nature center.

See <http://www.marsh-friends.org> for Marshlands information, the calendar, any schedule updates, and marsh access points. See also <http://mercercountyparks.org/facilities/tulpehaking-nature-center>.

Abbott Marshlands programs below include Tulpehaking Nature Center (TNC) listings. The nature center is located at 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton.

Paddling Trips *Abbott Marshlands canoe/kayak trips are provided by the New Jersey Sierra Club. Trips are based on tide conditions.*

Sept 27 (Sun): Paddle and Walk the Abbott Marshlands on World Rivers Day (Burlington/Mercer Cos). 12:00pm. World Rivers Day is a global celebration of the world's waterways, observed every last Sunday in September. Established in 2005, it highlights the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness while encouraging the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. Rivers in every country face an array of threats, and World Rivers Day promotes the active involvement of citizens to ensure the health of rivers in the years ahead. Mary Leck and Charlie Fisher will be our guides on the creek, with more activities at Mercer County's Tulpehaking Nature Center to celebrate the Abbott Marshlands. Bring lunch and beverage; we'll have lunch at Bordentown Beach before starting our 4-mile paddle through the Abbott Marshlands to Roebling Park. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com Cosponsors with Friends, Bordentown City Environmental Commission and D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Oct 8 (Thurs): Canoe/Kayak the Abbott Marshlands (Burlington/Mercer Cos). 10:30am. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. We'll see migrating Red-winged Blackbirds on our 8 mile tidal trip in the Abbott Marshlands from Bordentown Beach to Watson Woods and back to Bordentown. Rental boats are not available. Bring lunch and beverage. Contact leaders to confirm trip. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

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Field trips, trash pick up, etc. Please note that registration is required for some programs.

TNC_Sept. 4th, 10:30am. First Fridays: Storytime. (see bottom). Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton.

TNC_ Saturday Strolls, every Saturday 8:30-10am, starting in September. FREE. Start your weekend off right by joining us on a Saturday morning stroll through the Abbott Marshlands. These leisurely walks are a chance to explore the marsh with no set theme, just see what there is to see. Each walk will begin and end at the Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton.

TNC_Sat., Sept. 12th, 10am-12noon. Tricks with Trees. Tulpehaking Nature Center. *\$5/person or \$20/family.* RSVP to 609-303-0706. Become a forester for a day! Learn how to identify trees by leaf-shape and estimate their height and age with simple tools and tricks of the trade.

TNC_Fri., Sept. 18th, 7:30-9pm. Sensory Night Hike. Tulpehaking Nature Center. *\$5 person/ \$20 family.* RSVP to 609-303-0706. Ever wondered what it would be like to be a nocturnal creature? Test your senses in the dark, learn to identify the sounds of different nocturnal animals, communicate as an animal would, and explore what happens to your sight when the sun goes down!

TNC_Sun., Sept. 27th, 1-4pm. World Rivers Day at the Tulpehaking Nature Center. FREE. Join us in this global celebration of the world's waterways (and our very own Delaware River) with games and crafts at the nature center.

TNC_Sat., Oct. 10th, 10am-4pm. Family Fun Day at the Tulpehaking Nature Center. FREE. Celebrate the nature center's first birthday with a day of family activities, games, and giveaways. Are you up for our Birthday Fun Run? Want to test your skills as an archaeologist? Help us to ring in another successful year at the Abbott Marshlands.

Sat. Oct. 10th, 10 am – noon. Explore the Marsh with enthusiasts Mary and Charlie Leck. Meet at Spring Lake – Roebling Pk, Hamilton, NJ. Take S. Broad St. (Rt. 206) to Sewell Ave., at traffic light turn onto Sewell Ave.; at the end of Sewell, turn left and drive down hill to parking. This is a D&R Greenway Land Trust 2nd Sat. walk. Limit: 25 people. Please register: rsvp@drgreenway.org or call 609-924-4646.

(Oct. 17th - Nov. 20th. Joseph Bonaparte exhibit at the Pennington School. (See details in local papers).

TNC_Sat., Oct. 24th, 10am-12noon. Fall Foliage Hike. Tulpehaking Nature Center. *\$5/person or \$20/family.* RSVP to 609-303-0706. On this hike, we will celebrate the reason for calling this season Fall! Learn why leaves change their color and enjoy the beautiful color palette of the autumn forest.

TNC_Sun., Nov. 8th, 2-4pm. Preparing your Yard for Winter Wildlife. Tulpehaking Nature Center. *\$5/person or \$20/family.* RSVP to 609-303-0706. Autumn is a busy time for wildlife as they prepare for winter. Learn how you can help through simple activities and additions to your yard. In this workshop, families will complete their own wildlife-friendly project to take home.

Sat. Nov. 14. Marsh cleanup, 9 AM – noon. Bring gloves if you have them, water to drink; wear long sleeves, long pants. Meet at Spring Lake – Roebling Park, Hamilton, NJ. Take South Broad St. to Sewell Ave., at traffic light turn onto Sewell Ave.; at the end of Sewell, turn left and drive down hill to parking lot. Contact: Mary Leck-732-821-8310. Cosponsors: Friends for the Abbott Marshlands, D&R Greenway Land Trust.

TNC_Sat., Nov. 21st, 10am-12noon. Living like the Lenape. Tulpehaking Nature Center. *\$5/person or \$20/family.* RSVP to 609-303-0706. Experience a sampling of Lenape activities from storytelling to games, followed with a demonstration of fire-making technique – without matches of course.

TNC_Sun., Nov. 22nd, 2-3:30pm. Winter Wildlife Lifestyles. Tulpehaking Nature Center. *\$5/person or \$20/family.* RSVP to 609-303-0706. Since animals can't wear scarves, they have to prepare for winter in other ways! Discover the different ways that animals such as bears, bats, owls, turtles and frogs survive the cold!

Sat., Dec. 5th, 1:30 – 3:30. Walk the Bordentown Bluffs. Meet at end of Stanton Ave., Bordentown Twp. (Take US-206 south of I-195; take 1st right after Pointe Breeze apartments. Look for Abbott Marshlands sign; Stanton St. sign is missing. Leader TBA. Co-sponsored by the D&R Canal State Park, Bordentown Township Environmental Commission, and Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.

TNC -_First Fridays: Storytime at the Tulpehaking Nature Center.
10:30am on the first Friday of every month starting September 4th. FREE, donations welcome. Each month, gather with your little ones to hear one of our educators share a storybook tale worthy of the Abbott Marshlands, followed by a related craft or activity. We've chosen the best stories of wildlife and history to enjoy inside or, if the weather's nice, outside the nature center! *Donations benefit Friends for Mercer County Parks.*